

# GODDARD AUTO TECH CENTER

## NEWS BULLETIN

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### ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Yes, it's that time of year again. Any member who wishes to run for office, please contact the Election Committee to submit your platform by Monday, June 28th. Do your Club a favor and run for an office. A healthy organization will have more than one candidate running for each office. If you win, you get your own Garage key and you have the chance to influence and improve our Club. If you lose, members will get to know you and you may have a better chance next year. Volunteers are needed immediately to serve on the Election Committee. The next newsletter you receive will contain the platforms of the candidates and will announce the election time and place.

### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

All memberships expire on July 1<sup>st</sup>, however there is a grace period of one month so Security should continue to issue the key to holders of green cards until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send a check for \$25 membership fee plus \$20 user fee if your name is not on the following list of those who performed at least one "volunteer" hour. Also, include any outstanding debts owed to the Club such as parking fees or a new card will not be issued. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

### USER FEE

Some of you may have wished to volunteer for some Club work and save the \$20 user fee. This past year, there have been few opportunities made available for members to volunteer. If you really want to do some volunteer work and save the \$20, call Ken Blumenstock at 6-4268 by June 30<sup>th</sup>. With only the Officers organizing all work to be done, we have been unable to create many volunteer opportunities. We need members willing to organize work tasks in order to make better use of our membership's abilities. Members willing to do so, please contact me.

### PARKING PROBLEM

Those with long-term projects have for the most part failed to maintain steady progress on their vehicles. A few months ago, we had no extra spaces for those to leave a short-term project without double-parking. A full lot is also an eyesore to the Center and creates an issue with Center management. The lot is not for storage and there is no excuse for the abuse that has been going on. **THIS IS A FINAL WARNING. Any vehicle parked at the Garage must be worked on at least 10 hours per month.** Those who do not work 10 hours on their project during the month of July will be given notice to remove it at the end of the month.

### UNIDENTIFIED CARS TO BE TOWED

All vehicles parked at the Garage must be identified. Simply write your name, home and work phone numbers, and date of arrival and display it on your dashboard inside the car. Who owns the white BMW and gray Suzuki at the Garage? Contact an Officer at once!

### COMPRESSOR IMPROVEMENTS

During June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, all the flexible rubber hoses used on our compressor system were replaced with galvanized steel pipe. The rubber hoses were a hazard since there was a danger of them slipping off their barbs due to hose deterioration over time. This work was required in order for us to pass an upcoming inspection of the compressor system. It is required that all compressors on Center are to have a yearly inspection.

## RECYCLING CENTER

An overflow 55 gallon drum is now connected to our 275 gallon used oil tank. This is to prevent overflows from spilling into the containment area, which have happened on a number of occasions. Please note the float sensor on the 275 gallon tank. If the rod projects out of the top of float tube, the tank is full or nearly full. Please do not add any oil to the tank when it is full so that we keep the overflow drum empty. Then, contact an officer at once so that a pick-up can be arranged. The other two drums in the containment area are for used anti-freeze. The miscellaneous solvents drum is next to the soda machine. Please do not use the miscellaneous solvents drum carelessly because it is very expensive (hundreds of dollars) to dispose of.

## SAFETY INSPECTION

Our yearly safety inspection will be on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. This is another Center requirement that we are complying with. The Garage will be prepared for the inspection, so please keep the Garage clean and orderly, as it should always be.

## STATE OF THE CLUB

The Club has made its final payment to GEWA on the loan for the rolling bay doors. The payment was \$1828.34 on the \$5485 three-year interest-free loan. Payment of \$1165 towards a voucher owed to former President Olivares was paid shortly after the February meeting. The Club is out of debt and has about \$3200 in the bank. We have spent very little this year. Advertising in the GEWA Newsletter has brought in quite a few new members bringing our total number to 135 at this time. Members aware of contractor newsletters, please contact an Officer with information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need more member participation involved in the operation of this Club. I believe that with a small effort from many, we can really make a difference. The Garage should be clean and organized at all times. Equipment needs to be more accessible and complete and supplies better stocked. Please get involved by volunteering to participate in one or more activities or committees. It will be a rewarding experience, especially when we begin to enjoy the fruits of all our efforts.

### Activities:

1. Monthly Garage Clean-up Activity. If we have twelve volunteers on rotation, three at a time, each volunteer will participate in three clean-up activities during one year.
2. Sandblasting equipment. Is someone available who can make this equipment work?
3. Exhaust System. Already 95% completed. Who will finish it?

### Committees:

1. Election Committee. Three members needed.
2. Video Security Committee. Two volunteers are needed to research and recommend which equipment is the most suitable for our needs.
3. Card Key Access Committee. Two or three volunteers are needed to do research and make recommendations.
4. Garage Needs Committee. We need a group of members who are interested in figuring out what our Garage needs so as to be more useful and convenient for our members.
5. By-Laws Amendment Committee. Do we have some parliamentarians interested?

## '98/'99 VOLUNTEER LIST

Anonsen, William	Gates, John	Schepis, Joseph
Bova, Mark	Generie, Joseph	Schmidt, Ewald
Blumenstock, Ken	Lee, Kenneth	Schuler, Bernard
Claybrooks, Edward	Nearhoof, Lee	Shelton, Frank
Demare, Frank	Olivares, Dennis	Stewart, Alphonso
Durantine, Toni	Phillips, Larry	Wagner, Ann